

House Resolution 1054

By: Representatives Coan of the 101st and Sheldon of the 105th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Collins Hill High School wrestling team on winning their
2 fourth Class AAAAA State Championship title and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, through perseverance and iron determination, the Collins Hill High School
4 wrestling team earned the top ranking in the state by scoring an incredible 242 points,
5 earning the record for the largest margin of victory over their opponents, with 140 more
6 points than the state's runner up; and

7 WHEREAS, this record-breaking team now holds the state title for the most state placers
8 with 12 and earned the title of the most players to earn a state championship in Gwinnett
9 County with five; and

10 WHEREAS, the team's stellar state champions include Joel Smith, Gary Tiller, T.J. Mitchell,
11 Taylor Knapp, and Bazell Partridge; and

12 WHEREAS, Taylor Knapp's win marks this future Virginia Tech wrestler's third state
13 championship while at Collins Hill, making him only the fourth wrestler in the school's
14 history to earn this prestigious accomplishment; and

15 WHEREAS, a second place state finals finish was earned by C.J. Collins; a third place finish
16 was earned by John Allgood; fourth place went to Caleb Sawchuk, Sam Hoppenbrouwer, and
17 Mac Bennett; and Nick Holbert and Thomas Delain earned fifth and sixth place, respectively;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the Collins Hill team earned a national reputation for excellence as evidenced
20 by their second place finish in the Toshiba Midwest Classic in Kansas City, a top 11 finish
21 in The Clash in Minnesota, and a national ranking of 22 by *Amateur Wrestling News*; and

22 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
23 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
24 member of the team and the astute direction of Head Coach Cliff Ramos; and

25 WHEREAS, as this magnificent team earned its well-deserved reputation for excellence by
26 performing with courage and precision over months of training and competition, it is
27 abundantly proper to call them champions.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body congratulate the Collins Hill High School wrestling team for
30 winning the 2009 Class AAAAA State Championship and extend their sincerest best wishes
31 for future success.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the players and coaches of
34 the 2008-2009 Collins Hill High School wrestling team.